

CO-OP EXCHANGE

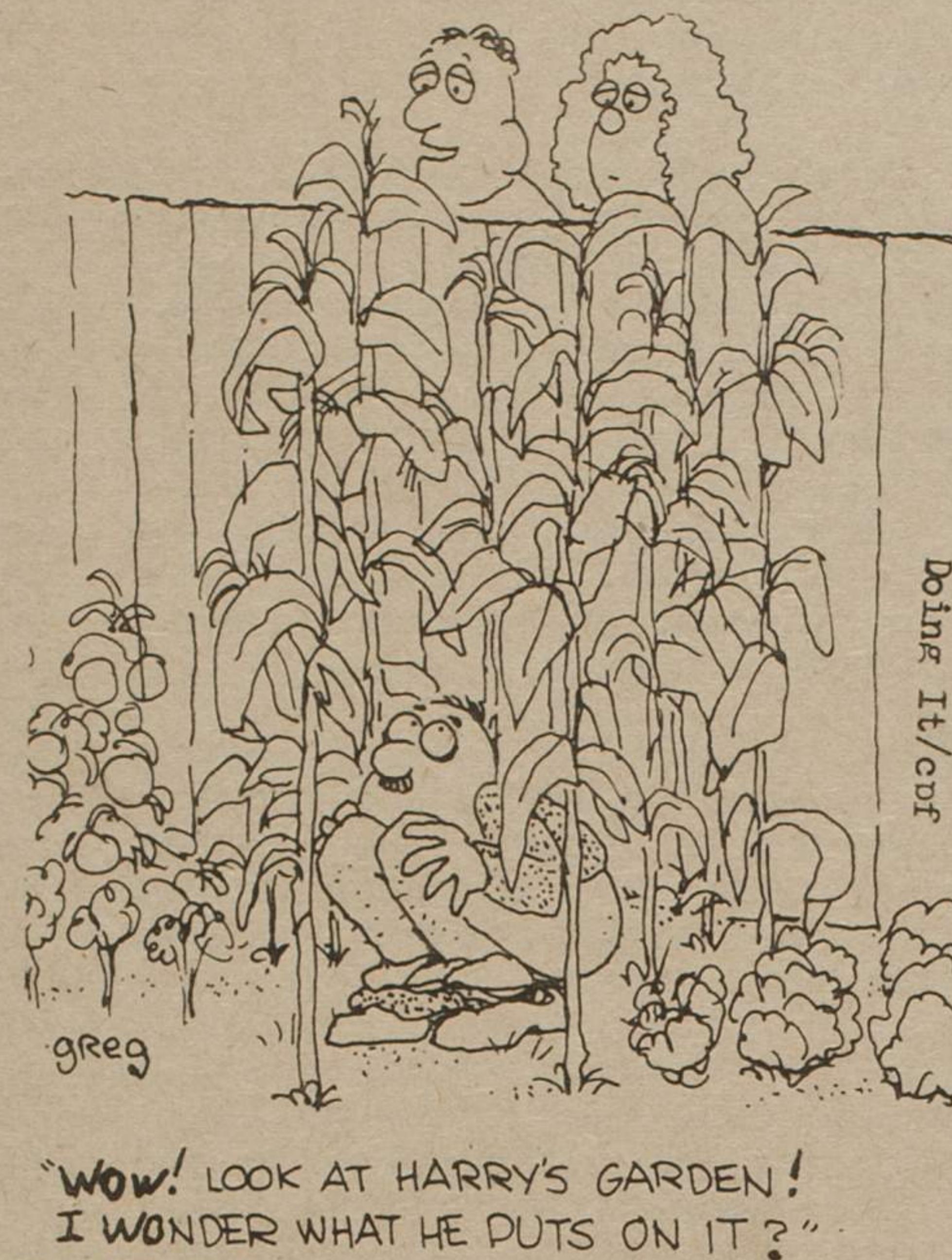
The Community Mercantile honors the farm strike by continuing and reaffirming our food and farm "policies."

We've recognized that as "consumers" our greatest long term interest is the security of local family farms. A major portion of our food purchases at the co-op are directly from local farm families, eliminating the middleman. And the prices we pay often meet or exceed the parity price farmers need to survive.

Prices we pay are based not so much on the "speculation" of the market, but the "knowledge" of the real value of our local family farms.

Family farms are falling to the policies of near-sighted businesses under the guise of "efficiency." We need to re-examine the myths of "efficiency" and "profits" by asking the qualifying questions; efficient and expedient for whom? Profitable for how long?

Family farms are our key to the health of our land, and therefore the continuous health of our people.



The co-op's Library work team asks people to donate books for the First Annual Book Sale to be held at the Community Mercantile, January 28. Proceeds will go towards a reference and lending library at the store. Please bring your contributions to the store by January 20.

A jury award of money damages to an organic farmer who sustained crop losses due to an aerial crop duster working on adjacent land, was affirmed by the Washington State Supreme Court.

The high court upheld the trial court's instruction that the sprayer would be "strictly liable," if the jury found the dusting to be the cause of the farmer's crop damage, even if the sprayer exercised "utmost care to avoid harm."

In the Court's view, crop dusting constituted an inherently dangerous activity.

Linda Harvey has been added to the co-op's work collective this month after a grueling selection process. Untold hours of interviews, discussions, and consultations brought mounting consternation and delayed the final decision several times.

Many thanks to all the good, interested people that applied for the position.

Keep your eye out for Linda and give her lots of support as she learns the ropes in the coming months.

The only cooperation which is commonly possible is exceedingly partial and superficial; and what little true cooperation there is, is as if it were not, being a harmony inaudible to men. If a man has faith, he will cooperate with equal faith everywhere; if he has not faith, he will continue to live like the rest of the world, whatever company he is joined to. To cooperate in the highest as well as the lowest sense, means to get our living together.

Henry Thoreau, WALDEN

SISTER KETTLE SPEAKS



Eating at Sister Kettle Cafe is much more than a dining experience. It is a statement about what you support. It's saying you believe people can work together collectively as equals rather than in a power-oriented hierarchy. It's saying that meat is not essential at every meal and thus the world's arable lands can produce enough food for all people. It's saying that you respect non-smokers rights to enjoy fresh air while eating, whether you smoke or not.

Eating at Sister Kettle is saying that you enjoy the warm food and social atmosphere of your own cafe since it belongs to everyone. It's saying that you appreciate the people who work for \$1.25/hr (including tips). It's saying that all people really are one family.

During this winter season, please remember that the cafe is strug-

gling to make enough money to remain a reality. Cold weather produces high gas bills and tempts us all to stay home and cook and Christmas tightens our budgets so people generally eat out less often. Enjoy warming your homes with your own ovens, but when you do venture out for a meal, please remember what it means to eat at Sister Kettle and give her your love and support.

SISTER KETTLE'S TUESDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE

Beginning January 17th, Sister Kettle Cafe will be open on Tuesday evenings from 8pm till 11pm for a coffee house. Admission will be \$1 at the door and drinks and goodies will be available. Anyone desiring more information or interested in performing can contact Arifa St. Clair at 843-7005.

Look forward to these three fine evenings in January:

January 17th
Rosey's Bar and Grill
with Martha Haehl, Joyce Constance, Carol Head and Linda Davis.
Traditional and contemporary folk music about women, by women "from the poetic to the profane; from the sincere to the sacreligious."

--January 24th
Beth Scalet
Folk and blues.

--January 31st
Luke Baldwin
National recording artist from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Luke has played his original and contemporary folk music at the San Diego Folk Festival, The Foolkiller, and on numerous college campuses.

In addition we're offering you the following:

--Sister Kettle would like to barter some of her food (\$2/hr) for dishwashing. She asks for long term reliability.

--Each month John Lundmark coordinates a show of local artists at Sister Kettle. Come in and sign up.

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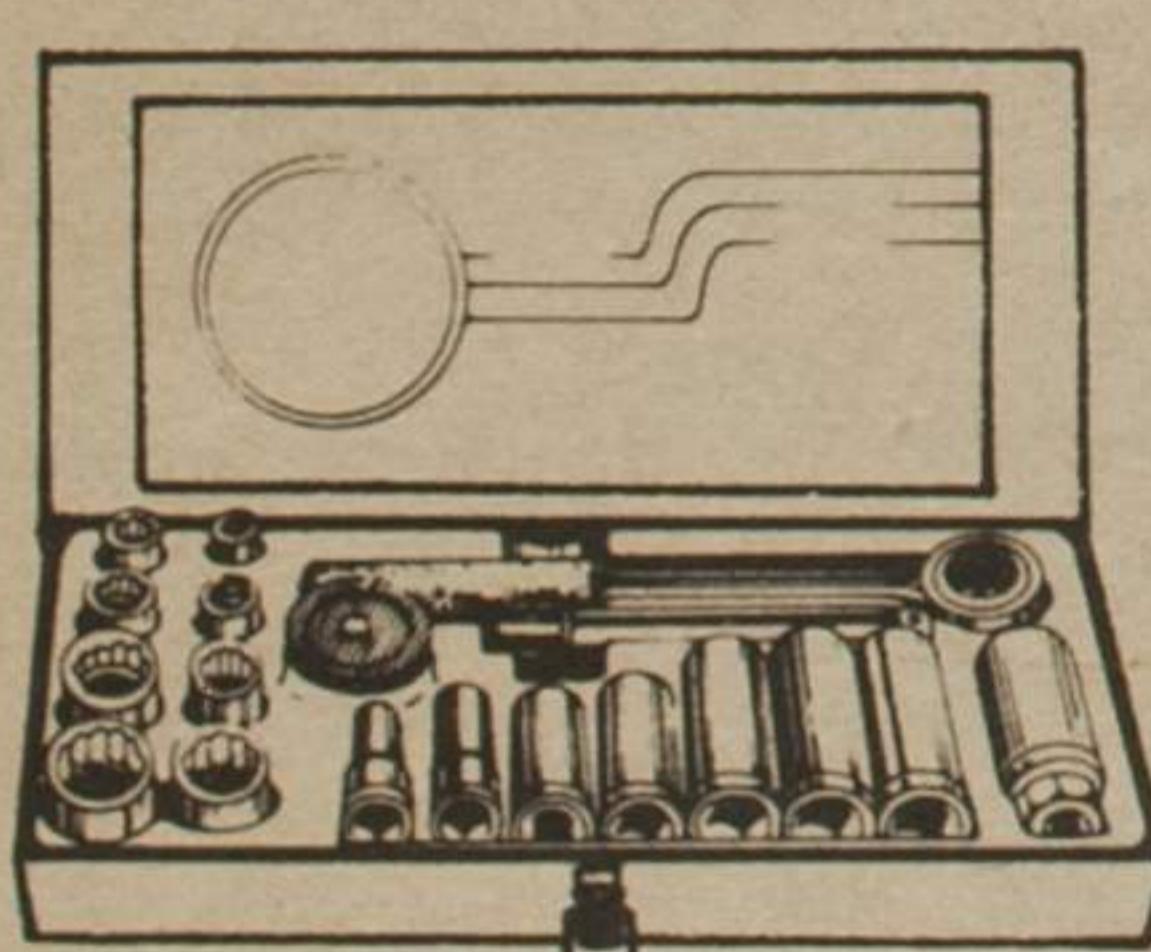
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